QA-571 VFW Post No. 7464 Grasonville, Queen Anne's County

Constructed 1949 Privately owned

#### DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

VFW Post No. 7464 consists of a 1949 main building and a recent pavilion that stand on the west side of VFW Avenue north of U.S. 50 in Grasonville, Queen Anne's County. The main building is 1-story tall and constructed of stuccoed concrete block. It consists of a front-gable meeting hall with a shed-roof lunchroom on the south and a shed-roof kitchen on the west. The interior features knotty pine walls. The wood-frame pavilion stands east of the main building. Both buildings are in good condition.

#### SUMMARY STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

VFW Post No. 7464 is significant for its role as a gathering place and charitable organization in the community of Grasonville. Founded in 1949, the VFW provided daily lunches and evening and weekend social activities to its members. The VFW also has been a significant charitable organization in the community, primarily through donations to local churches.

### Inventory No. QA-571

# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

1. Name of F	Property	(indicate preferred	name)	2000		
historic	Grasonville Men	norial Post 7464	-			
other	VFW Post No. 7	464 (preferred)				
2. Location						
street and number	203 VFW Avenu	ne			not for	publication
city, town	Grasonville				vicinity	,
county	Queen Anne's					
3. Owner of	Property	(give names and mailing	g addresses of a	all owners)		
name	Veterans of Fore	ign Wars				
street and number	203 VFW Avenu	ie		telephone	(410) 82	27-8194
city, town	Grasonville		state MD	zip code	21638	
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7. Description		Inventory No. QA-571		
Condition				
excellent	deteriorated			
X good	ruins			
fair	altered			

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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#### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

VFW Post No. 7464 consists of a 1949 main building and a recent pavilion that stand on the west side of VFW Avenue north of U.S. 50 in Grasonville, Queen Anne's County. It occupies a flat, 2.5-acre lot that is mostly paved for parking. The main building stands at the east end of the lot along the road, and the pavilion stands to the west.

The VWF main building is 1-story tall and constructed of stuccoed concrete block. It consists of a front-gable meeting hall with a shed-roof lunchroom on the south and a shed-roof kitchen on the west. The building has an asphalt-shingle roof with vinyl-enclosed eaves. It has vinyl 1/1 and single pane windows. Entrance to the meeting hall is on the east elevation and consists of a recent, solid door. Entrance to the lunchroom is on the south elevation and consists of a glass door. A recent shed kitchen addition covered in composite siding extends to the north. On the interior, the meeting hall has a recent wood floor, knotty pine walls, and an acoustical tile ceiling with false exposed beams. The lunchroom has a vinyl floor, knotty pine walls, and an acoustical tile ceiling. Flags, insignia, plaques, photographs, and other ephemera are displayed throughout the building.

East of the main building stands a large, recent pavilion. The pavilion has a poured concrete foundation, a lightweight wood frame, and an asphalt-shingle gable roof with exposed rafter tails. The lower walls are covered in composite siding, and the upper walls have a panel window system.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The floor was replaced due to flooding from Hurricane Isabelle in 2003.

8. Signific	ance			Inventory No. QA-571
Period	Areas of Significance	Check and j	ustify below	
1600-1699 1700-1799 1800-1899 1900-1999 2000-	agriculture archeology architecture art commerce communications community planning conservation	economics education engineering  entertainment/ recreation ethnic heritage exploration/ settlement	health/medicine industry invention landscape architecture law literature maritime history military	performing arts philosophy politics/government religion science X social history transportation other:
Specific dates	1946 (charter), 1949 (construction)		Architect/Builder unknown	
Construction da	ates 1949			
Evaluation for:				
-	National Register		Maryland Register	Xnot evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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#### RESOURCE HISTORY AND SIGNIFICANCE

Veterans of Foreign Wars has its origins in the Spanish American War (1898) and the Philippines War (1899-1902). Two separate organizations, the American Veterans of Foreign Service in Columbus, Ohio and the National Society of the Army of the Philippines in Denver, Colorado were founded in 1899 to secure benefits for returning veterans. In 1914, the two organizations merged into the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). VFW received a charter from Congress in 1932.<sup>2</sup>

VFW is open to military personnel who served overseas for at least 90 days during recognized armed conflicts. The Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW, founded in 1914, is open to immediate family members of eligible military personnel.<sup>3</sup> At the local level, VFW focuses on fellowship, community service, and charity.<sup>4</sup>

VFW Post No. 7464 was founded in Grasonville in 1946. The charter group included 61 members of the VFW and 22 members of the Ladies Auxiliary. Initial activities included daily lunches, weekend parties, and fish fries. The meeting hall was constructed in 1949 to hold 125 people. The pavilion was added recently to accommodate the current membership of approximately 390. Current activities focus on community service, particularly fundraising for charitable projects.<sup>5</sup>

VFW Post No. 7464 is significant for its role as a gathering place and charitable organization in the community. The VFW provided daily lunches (prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary) as well as evening and weekend social events. The lunchroom still serves as a daily gathering place for meals as well as card games, pool tournaments, and other informal recreation. The VFW also has been a significant charitable organization in the community, primarily through substantial donations to local churches.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> VFW at a Glance. www.vfw.org.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Ladies Auxiliary was traditionally a female organization. A second auxiliary has recently been founded for male immediate family members of eligible military personnel.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> VFW at a Glance. www.vfw.org.

Onversation between Julie Darsie and Commander and Mrs. James C. Sala, January 6, 2006.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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### 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property
Acreage of historical setting
Quadrangle name

2.5 acres
Queenstown
Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary for VWF Post No. 7464 is identical to the boundary for Queen Anne's County Tax Map 58A, Parcel 477. The boundary encompasses 2.5 acres and comprises all the land acquired by the VFW in 1949.

### 11. Form Prepared by

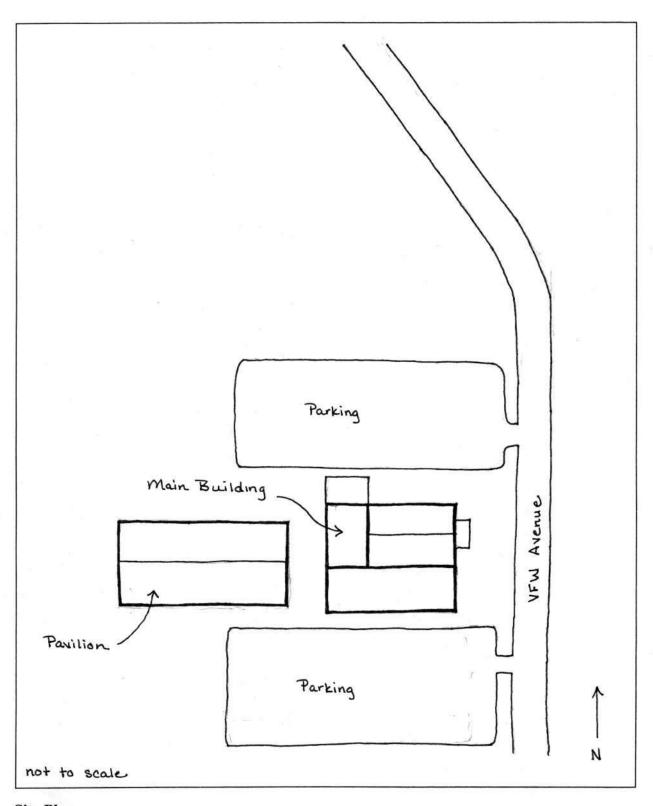
name/title	Julie Darsie		
organization	Betty Bird & Associates, LLC	date	January 2006
street & number	2607 24th Street, NW, Suite 3	telephone	(202) 588-9033
city or town	Washington, District of Columbia	state	N/A

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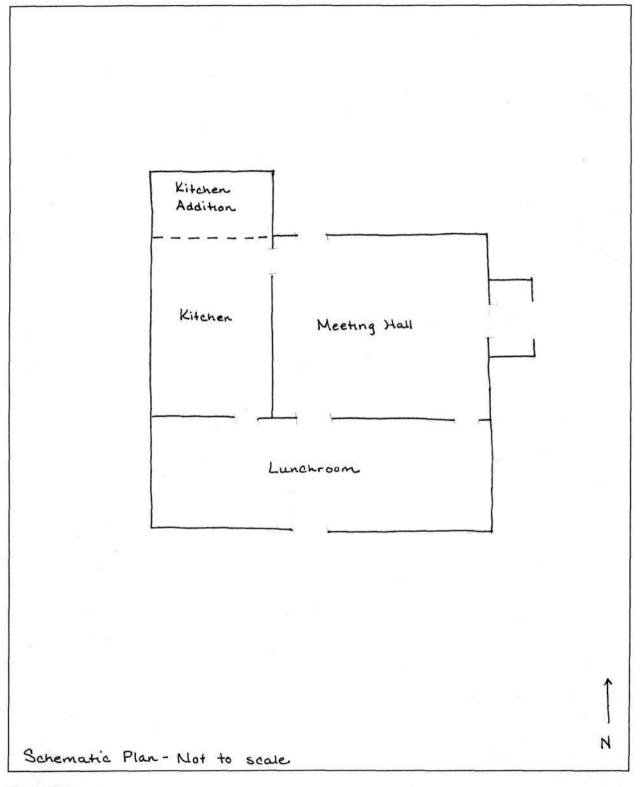
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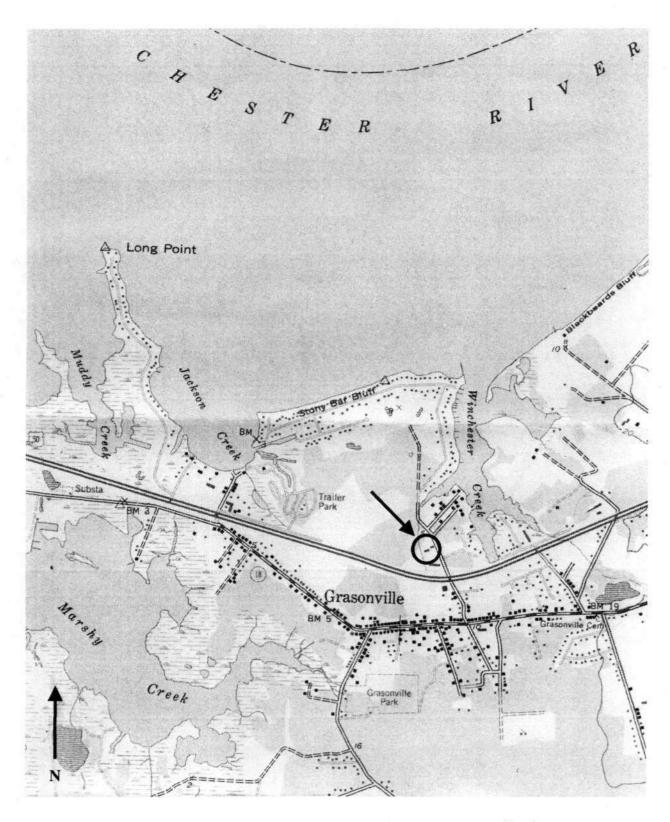
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Site Plan QA-571 VFW Post No. 7464 Grasonville, Queen Anne's County, Maryland



Floor Plan QA-571 VFW Post No. 7464 Grasonville, Queen Anne's County, Maryland



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